

Dear USPS/Postal Regulatory Commission

Like many people during Covid, I learned how totally dependent I am on the USPS for delivery of my life-saving long term medications, required bill payments, and essential supplies to family members who couldn't get them otherwise, while Louis De Joy cut postal worker hours, removed mail drop boxes, and destroyed mail sorting machines, wreaking havoc with USPS functions.

I have learned how the USPS (United States Postal SERVICE) is a unique service organization, not a for-profit business as De Joy sees it, established in the Constitution to connect our central government with each one of us. The history of the USPS on its website is a timeline for the development of these USPS "connections": the establishment of urban, suburban and rural postal routes; the evolution of mail delivery services, made more efficient by faster modes of transportation, like a plane route replacing the last Alaskan dog sled postal route in 1963, to reach all of us, wherever we reside. My daughter, who lives in an apartment in Minneapolis, MN, depends on the USPS, which has a key to access secure residential mailboxes. Other difficult to access addresses have their own relationships with USPS for secure mail delivery. FED Ex and UPS don't do this.

I have experienced the unique dedication of postal workers, who have worked through De Joy's sabotage of USPS operations, to help all of us find faster ways to get our mail through or just help us, as a Minneapolis branch manager did when our daughter's Christmas presents were not left in her secure apartment mailbox and he kept his branch open until she could pick them up.

I oppose Louis De Joy's "10 Year Plan" for the USPS because I oppose changing the service standards for 1st class and periodical mail and do not support the closing of mail processing plants or retail units which will limit public access to services. I oppose Louis De Joy as US Postmaster General because he has consistently worked to destroy the USPS and its unique mission that connects all of us Americans with life-saving services.

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